



**MISS BLOSSOMTIME:** Sandra Jane Grams, Miss St. Joseph, was named Miss Blossomtime of 1970 last night. A 17-year-old blue-eyed blonde, she is 5 feet, 7 inches tall. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Grams of 2604 South State street, St. Joseph. She is the fifth Miss St. Joseph to wear the

Miss Blossomtime crown. She will begin her official duties as Miss Blossomtime at the Blossomtime concert Wednesday evening. The 1970 blossom festival begins May 3 and the grand floral parade will be May 9. (Color photo by Harry Smith, staff photographer.)

## BLOSSOM QUEEN CROWN CAPTURED BY ST. JOE GIRL

### Tops 29 Beauties For Title

#### Galien Entry Second; Miss Bangor Third

By SANDEE WALLACE  
Staff Writer

Sandra Jane Grams is Miss Blossomtime of 1970.

As Miss St. Joseph, she won the coveted crown from a field of 29 other queens in the annual pageant held last night at Benton Harbor high school.

Miss Blossomtime is a radiant blue-eyed blonde with an inner glow befitting a queen. Throughout the pageant, her eyes sparkled and her smile evoked return smiles from the audience.

She was crowned by miss Carla Sherrill, Miss Blossomtime of 1969, before a 2,000 screaming fans.

For the second year in a row, Galien's representative was named first runner-up. This year's Miss Galien is Miss Barbara Jo Price. Completing the court was Miss Bangor, Dorothy Parker, who was named second runner-up.

The queen of queens is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Grams, 2604 South State street, St. Joseph. She is 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighs 115 pounds.

Following graduation from St. Joseph high school this June, Miss Grams plans to attend Western Michigan university, where she will begin studies toward becoming a special education teacher. She has tutored small children and enjoys working with them. She said she feels the special education field will be very challenging and a rewarding way in which she can help others.

Active in school activities, the new queen is a member of the English club, Ski club, is president of Y-Teens and in on the executive board of the student council. She enjoys both water and snow skiing and dancing.

She has two older brothers, Jim, 25, and Terry, 20, both of St. Joseph. She demonstrated her sense of humor when asked what she would do if she were at a garden party at the home of her fiancé's parents, and her wig blew off her head and landed in a punch bowl. She replied "First I would apologize to the hostess, and then I would laugh."

Last night Miss Grams became the fifth St. Joseph queen to win the Miss Blossomtime crown. The last time a St. Joseph queen held the title was in 1958 when Miss Nancy Reiner also held both titles.

**LAW STUDIES EYED**  
Miss Price, 17, is the daughter of Buchanan Township Supervisor and Mrs. Ivan Price, route 1, Galien. She has blond hair and green eyes. She is five feet, three inches tall and weighs 115 pounds. She is

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**QUEEN'S COURT:** Miss Barbara Jo Price, Miss Galien, (left) was named first runner-up to Miss Blossomtime, Sandra Jane Grams of St. Joseph, last night, while Dorothy Parker, Miss Bangor, (right) was selected second runner up in the annual pageant. Miss Price is the daughter of Buchanan Township Supervisor and Mrs. Ivan Price. Miss Parker's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Parker, Sr. The runners-up will accompany Miss Grams in her various appearances as queen of the 1970 festival. (Staff photo by Harry Smith)

## Five Arrested In Alleged LSD Ring

### Pills Are Confiscated

Berrien county sheriff's officers seized a quantity of suspected LSD and arrested five persons Monday afternoon at Berrien Springs.

The rapid-fire arrests culminated an investigation of more than two months into alleged traffic of the hallucinatory drug. Some 70 suspected LSD pills were confiscated according to Det. Ronald Immoos.

Charged with selling dangerous drugs were Stephen Lawrence Barth, 19, of an apartment at 511 Rosehill road, Berrien Springs; Robert Eugene Smith, 26, same address; and Charles Arthur McLarty, 21, of 494 Green avenue, Benton Harbor. McLarty is a substitute teacher in the public schools of Berrien county, sheriff officers said.

Charged with possession of a dangerous drug were David Jerrold Burreson, 18, of 2403 Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph, and Bonnie Lou Alexander, 17, of 1101 State street, St. Joseph.

Immoos said all five were arrested after they left an apartment rented by Barth and Smith. The apartment had been under surveillance throughout the day, he said.

Burreson and Miss Alexander were stopped in a car by Det.

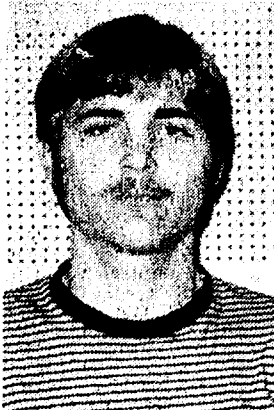
Gary Methling and Deputy Douglas Fishburn as was McLarty. Fishburn arrested Barth and Smith as they drove northward on US-31 just north of Berrien Springs.

Immoos said about half of the supply of pills was found in two vials in a hideaway in a utility room on the first floor of the apartment house. The rest was

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CHARLES A. McLARTY



ROBERT E. SMITH

## Nixon Sticks With Present Pullout Rate

### Optimistic About Southeast Asia

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon has fixed a goal of withdrawing an additional 150,000 U. S. troops from Vietnam in the next year—sticking roughly to the pullout pace of recent months.

In a television-radio address to the nation Monday night, the President said the number would be boosted should there be a breakthrough in peace negotiations. However, he emphasized:

"I must report with regret that no progress has taken place on the negotiating front."

Nixon expressed concern about Communist military incursions in Cambodia and Laos, but took a generally optimistic

view of the Southeast Asian situation.

**PEACE IN SIGHT**

"We finally have in sight the just peace we are seeking," he said.

"We can now say with confidence that pacification is succeeding. We can say with confidence that the South Vietnamese can develop the capability for their own defense. We can say with confidence that all American combat forces can and will be withdrawn."

Nixon spoke from his office in the Western White House at San Clemente, Calif. Immediately afterward he and his wife Pat flew back to Washington.

A White House official who declined to be quoted by name told reporters Nixon plans to complete the withdrawal of 150,000 men during the next 12 months, give or take a few weeks. Barring the unforeseen, he said, the decision is irreversible.

If the Nixon plan is carried out, the authorized U.S. troop ceiling would drop by May 1971 to 284,000 men. The peak ceiling early in 1969 was 594,500.

Nixon said his decision "has

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## ADC Dad Must Pay Back \$500

A Kalkaska father has been ordered in Berrien circuit court to pay off a \$500 arrearage for one child on Aid to Dependent Children grants at \$5 per week, according to Berrien Friend of the Court John Schoenhals.

Roger Gobea was also ordered by Judge Karl F. Zick to pay \$15 per week child support, up from an old \$12.50 a week support order. The child is of a former marriage.

Royal Polynesian Revue, Fri. Sat. eve. Holiday Inn, St. Joe.

Read Wed. paper for our Carousel 356 Main Water/Wt. A

## Save Girl's Life After Crash

Two Benton township officers were credited Monday with saving the life of a three-year-old girl injured critically in an auto accident on M-139 at Empire avenue, Benton township.

The girl, Caroline Kay Speed, daughter of Mrs. Wilma Speed, 20, 2125 Colfax avenue, was reported in critical condition this morning in the intensive care section at Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor.

Doctors in the emergency room when the girl was carried in said the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation performed by officers James Lester and Robert Nick had saved the girl's life, township police reported.

Lester began the rescue operation when he arrived at the crash scene and found the girl in the rear seat of one of the cars, not breathing. She was turning

blue, he said. Nick continued the effort during the ambulance ride to the hospital.

The girl suffered head, back and chest injuries, the officers said. She was injured when the car in which she was riding, driven by Mrs. Speed, 20, pulled onto M-139 from Empire in front of a car driven by Gloria Jean Randall, 25, route 1, Napier avenue, Benton township.

(Petitions with 273 signatures calling for a stoplight at intersection were presented to the Benton township board April 7. They won the endorsement of township officials but approval of the State Highway department is required for a light at the intersection, scene of many accidents.)

Mrs. Speed, another daughter, Tammy Yvonne, 5, a passenger in her car, Ruth Harris, 20, of 1209 East Empire avenue, Benton

township, and Mrs. Randall were also injured.

Mrs. Speed, Tammy Speed and Mrs. Randall were all reported in fair condition today in Mercy hospital. Ruth Harris was released after treatment.

A witness told police that the Speed auto had been stopped as required on Empire before being driven onto the main highway.

Police said the accident was still under investigation.



ROBERT NICK



JAMES LESTER

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

### Here's A Government Project That's Working

All those happy anglers catching coho salmon off the local harbor may think the coho were planted in Lake Michigan just for their enjoyment.

In part, that's true. But there'll be a reminder this summer that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources had something more than sportfishing in mind.

Wayne H. Tody, chief of the department's fish division, predicts that alewife fish die-offs in Lake Michigan will be greater than in the last two years, causing more cleanup problems. "There will be die-offs and they will be bigger than in 1968 and 1969 and they may cause serious local problems," says Tody. But he adds that the number of dead fish washing up on Lake Michigan beaches will be nowhere near what it was in 1967.

Public beaches that year were covered with the rotting trash

fish, posing major health and swimming hazards.

One reason the alewife dieoff is not expected to equal that of 1967 is the fact that the "total population of alewives in Lake Michigan probably is less than half what it was in 1967," according to Tody.

He also said the number of salmon, steelhead and lake trout which feed on alewives has increased sharply since 1967.

And that's exactly what was supposed to happen when coho and chinook salmon fingerlings, as well as trout, were introduced to Lake Michigan beginning four years ago. They were supposed to grow up and eat the alewives, making Michigan's beaches pleasant for swimmers again.

The fine sport fishing is just an added bonus.

It's nice when a government project works out so well. Would that solutions could be found so simply in other areas!

### Neighboring Canada Has Its Problems, Too

If "misery loves company," Americans depressed by this nation's raucous and often violent social dialogue should turn their sights on neighboring Canada. Secessionist talk in the French-speaking province of Quebec has Canadians on edge. And a provincial election coming up April 29 might seriously cloud the future of togetherness in the land of the maple leaf.

When former French President Charles de Gaulle shouted the separatist slogan "Viv Le Quebec Libre" to a crowd in Montreal in 1967, he lent the movement a sanction and prestige it had never known. Until then, English-speaking Canadians had been concerned about separatist terrorism but had shrugged off the many secessionist cabals in Quebec as a lunatic fringe.

Those splintered groups have

since coalesced in the Parti Quebecois, now non-violent and respectable — but still dedicated to taking Quebec out of the 102-year-old Canadian confederation. Led by former Liberal cabinet minister Rene Levesque — an intense, chain-smoking intellectual — the Quebec Party has fielded a full slate of 108 candidates in the April 29 election. Premier Jean-Jacques Bertrand, leader of the ruling Union Nationale party, called the election.

Levesque predicts he will get 30 per cent of the 3.5 million eligible votes. Close observers believe he could capture 20 per cent. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, a bitter foe of separatism in his native province, forecasts the secessionists will not get a single seat. Canadian correspondent Bruce Hutchinson observed recently that "even a partial success for separatism would be a heavy blow to Mr. Trudeau not only in Quebec but in the whole nation."

The possibility that Quebec might pull out of predominantly English-speaking Canada has been troubling the nation for so long that many Canadians are blasé about it.

But since 1960 the demands for more autonomy turned to full-throated cries for full independence. Instead of concessions to Quebec, Trudeau has tried to defuse separatism by offering French Canadians linguistic and other rights across Canada, not just in Quebec. This has made him a natural enemy of Bertrand's provincial government, which feels it, not Ottawa, is the champion of French cultural survival in North America.

With the Parti Quebecois in the running, some observers welcome the election as a test of sentiment. The Toronto telegram suggested the outcome would give Canada its first "good indication whether Quebec is heading for independence or intends to remain in Canada."

That, however, was before Bertrand kicked off his campaign with an ultimatum: unless Ottawa signed a new constitution giving Quebec more autonomy, he would call a referendum on the independent issue in 1974. The Toronto Globe and Mail's acerbic comment: "Anything that will enable him to cling to power; that would seem to be the only principle which now directs Quebec Premier Jean-Jacques Bertrand." The Premier's threat, the existence of a well-organized party dedicated to separatism and the fact that no less than five parties are contesting the election do not augur well for a clear-cut decision on anything.

The multiplicity of parties could easily result in a minority Union Nationale or Liberal government, with the balance of power falling either to the separatists or the right-wing Social Credit Rally. Such a result would produce a volatile situation in which the future of Canadian unity would be more in doubt than ever.

### 'Just Came In From Minnesota!'



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### COMMISSION BANS DDT

—1 Year Ago—  
A close examination of the recent events that led to the State Agriculture Commission's ban on DDT has caused some person to ask: Why did it take so long for the department to outlaw the pesticide?  
For nearly a year, Dr. Ralph MacMullan, director of the Department of Natural Resources, has urged banning the hard pesticide.

#### SAFETY BOY WINS TRIP

—10 Years Ago—  
Frank Kish, a sixth grade student at North Lincoln school and captain of the safety patrol, will take a three-day trip to Washington, D.C., May 12-15, courtesy of the American Automobile Assn.  
Frank is one of 100 Michigan safety boys who will make the trip as a reward for being members of outstanding safety

patrols in their areas.

#### NOWLEN OPENS APT. HOUSE

—30 Years Ago—  
Five "last-word" apartments were made available to renters of St. Joseph when the B. M. Nowlen Lumber Co. opened its newly converted apartment building at 1302 State street.  
The five modern apartments were constructed of a once fine private residence according to plans drawn by Eugene Nowlen, architect of the Nowlen Lumber company.

#### WINNERS

—40 Years Ago—  
Junior Bender, Bessie Wagner, Erna Langer and Lorraine Kaatz, are winners of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade spelling contest respectively.

#### TRAIN WRECK

—50 Years Ago—  
Six persons were injured,

some seriously, and scores of lives were endangered when the Big Four passenger train was wrecked south of the Napier avenue crossing. It is believed that the switch had been tampered with.

#### VISITS GERMANY

—60 Years Ago—  
August Hildebrand spent yesterday visiting the Albert Tetzke home on Lincoln avenue and will leave tomorrow for an extended visit to his old home in Dresden, Germany.

#### NEED HOMES

—80 Years Ago—  
The great need in St. Joseph at present is more dwelling houses. There is an increasing demand for residences and applicants are turned away almost daily to seek homes elsewhere.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press.

#### YWCA OFFERING SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The more than 2,000,000 girls and women in the Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A., including 4,167 in the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor area, will celebrate April 19-26 the organization's Annual YWCA Week.

This year the YWCA is telling all girls and women "Your Concern Is Ours — Join the YWCA." The theme emphasizes the association's traditional role as an organization whose concern for more than 100 years has been the growth of the individual so she may realize her own potential and join others in helping to build a better world.

During YWCA Week we endeavor to bring the Y story to a wider audience. In the Y you will find a place to learn, to grow, to develop the best that is in you. The YWCA is what we like to call a "People place." I checked a 6 month attendance record, and we averaged over 6,500 a month, and one month had over 10,000. Yes, the YW is a people place, with classes, sports, crafts, clubs, nursery, etc., for all ages from small children to senior citizens. Something for everyone.

In other words, you will find life and living going on. If you want the opportunity for self-expression and to work with others for the things you believe in — whether it be toward peace, better understanding, responsible citizenship, improved race relations, bridging the generation gap, or toward the solving of any of the multi-varied ills which beset our society today you will find it there.

Do visit the YWCA during Y week — watch for articles in this paper about special activities planned for this week. Then join the Y and help build a better world. Remember "YOUR CONCERN IS OURS."

HELEN STEMEN  
Chairman YWCA  
Week Committee  
St. Joseph—  
Benton Harbor

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

#### WRITER FAVORS SIGNAL LIGHT

The action by the Bridgman City Commission to create a four-way stop at the intersection of Church and Lake streets will not only create a traffic hazard but will increase the accident potential, particularly during the hours when

traffic is the heaviest. The four-way stop is becoming a thing of the past. What is needed at this point is a standard, three-color traffic system, not signs. For several years the public traveling between Red Arrow highway and Berrien Springs and points in between have taken this intersection system for granted.

Regardless of signs to the contrary there will be accidents and it is wiser to force this possibility than to ignore it. The life of an individual is of more importance than a few measly dollars invested in safety. The people of Bridgman should disprove of this action and demand the ultimate in safety. The writer has been urging traffic safety on Lake street for several years to no avail. The entire thoroughfare has of recent date become a speedway and frequently a "drag strip" especially late at night during the warm and dry evenings.

It would seem that the City Commission ought to come up with a more practical solution to such a problem. If we are to have any safety standards let us have the best. The cost of such is a wise expenditure, and example of economy in government. Lake Street ought to be well posted from one end to the other with enough signs, kept in repair and well lighted stating the minimum MPH. Prosecution should be meted out for violations regardless of who the offender might be. It is suggested that the citizens petition the Commission to repeal the action and enact one to provide a modern traffic light at this hazardous intersection. I have no hesitancy in predicting that sooner or later there will be a severe accident, or a fatal one at this point. Must we wait for such an incident to awaken the City Commission to its responsibility?

WILLIAM A. RODGERS  
Bridgman

Editor,  
The Herald-Press.

#### VICTIM OF WAR REMEMBERED IN POEM

Our son Sgt. Timothy A. Cook, a military policeman, was killed in Vietnam last September. He returned there for the third time firmly believing that he should be there. He said no one could really know how much the men were needed there unless they went there themselves.

He wrote a number of words to songs and poems about Vietnam while he was there.

They were returned to us with his personal property. Most of them were signed with his name but the one I am sending wasn't signed so I can't say for sure he wrote it. Three or four were very good I thought, but this was the best one. I have been urged by a number of people to have some of them published in the Readers' Forum so I am sending this one. MR. & MRS. EMORY N. COOK  
2376 South Glendale Road  
Benton Harbor

#### THE AMERICAN WAY

To the dissenters and the draft dodgers  
Tonight, I'm all alone  
I have no time to demonstrate  
In this bunker far from home.

You see, I have a job to do  
In this country across the sea  
I'm here to stand and fight for democracy  
So that my country, and you,  
may be free.

So many of you have tried to dissuade me  
In a manner I'm ashamed to tell  
You never try to understand why I sacrifice  
For a place whose name I can't spell.

I say again, just as before  
In your language, so that all may hear  
If I'm going to fight them baby  
I'd rather fight them here.

I cannot bear to see America  
My country, ravaged by war  
I can't bear the thought of dictatorship.  
That's what I'm fighting for!

And too, there in America  
The land of the brave, the free  
Our fathers defeated the enemy  
For our democracy.

And if they had to sacrifice  
To preserve the strength of our nation  
Well then it's only right that I should  
For I too have an obligation.

And so my friends, I leave this thought  
I don't agree with you / your way  
And although I don't, I'll fight for you  
My friends, that's the American Way.

#### Factographs

Hammerfest, city in Norway, is famed as the northernmost city in the world.

Carnivora are flesh-eating animals.

### DR. COLEMAN

### ..And Speaking Of Your Health

An advertisement caught my attention the other day. It enthusiastically told persons with hernias: "a brand new scientific discovery will, once and for all, cure you of your discomfort." Unaware of this great scientific advance, I wrote for, and received, from a mail order company, a sales brochure on trusses. These highly expensive gadgets for outpatients those prescribed by physicians. The dangers are great in such exploitation of people with hernias. The Dr. Coleman greatest of these dangers is that people do not bring their hernias to the attention of their doctor, and frequently can convert by neglect simple hernias into complicated ones.

If one of these gadgets is purchased without the advice of a physician, a person can be misled into believing that no complication of the hernia can arise while wearing it. This is not true.

A hernia is a weakness, or a defect, in the muscles that protect and enclose the body cavities. The most common hernia is the inguinal one. This occurs in the groin. Some occasionally follow abdominal surgery. Umbilical hernias show a protrusion through the navel.

Children occasionally are born with a hernia but most often they are acquired during adolescence and adulthood. A femoral hernia occurs in women and is a variation of the many other types and forms of hernias.

A truss is never a cure, or a remedy for an anatomical de-

fect. All it does is to exert pressure over the hernia and keep the intestines from pushing through. In some cases, especially in the elderly or the infirm who cannot safely be subjected to surgery, a truss can be beneficial. In these cases the truss is carefully custom-made to be sure it accomplishes its purpose.

The real concern of doctors about neglected hernias is the possibility that a loop of intestine may be caught in this opening, become knicked and swollen and cause severe abdominal complications.

Not all hernias need surgery. However, all hernias need occasional observation to be sure that the opening has not progressed and that intestinal complications are not imminent. A truss bought without a doctor's permission or prescription may give a false and dangerous feeling of security.

Despite its frequency, mumps must be considered a highly contagious disease. There is a tendency to minimize its significance because most children have had an attack and have acquired permanent immunity. Adults exposed to mumps may contract this disease, which may have severe complications. For this reason, every child must be given the advantage of the new mumps vaccine. Only in this way can mumps be completely eradicated.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** Learn to distinguish the leaves of poison oak and ivy, and stay away from them.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

### JAY BECKER

### Contract Bridge

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 7 6 5  
♥ 7 5 3 2  
♦ Q 8 3  
♣ 8 5 4

**WEST**  
♠ A J 7  
♥ 10 9 5  
♦ K Q 10 7

**EAST**  
♠ 9 8 5 4  
♥ 8 7 4 2  
♦ A J 9 8 2  
♣ K Q 10

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10  
♥ A K J 10 9 8  
♦ K J  
♣ 3

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass  
3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of clubs. A great many hands played by declarer will inevitably depend on how the defenders' cards are placed.

In some of these hands declarer had no control over the situation, and when this is the case he can do no better than hope that the gods will favor him with good luck.

But there are hands where declarer encounters bad luck that nevertheless permit him to overcome such adversity, and it is these hands that create a distinct challenge to declarer's skill.

For example, consider this

### BENNET CERF

### Try And Stop Me

An American business man, writes John Hart Macy, was invited to the home of a prominent British socialite and became so engrossed in the latter's life story that he absently selected a very red chinaware apple from a dish on the table and bit into it. It broke, of course, leaving him with a mouthful of priceless crockery. "Really, old man," remonstrated the host, "you should have seen that that apple was not genuine." "Sorry," spluttered the guest, "but I guess we Americans simply cannot recognize Red China!"

A neighbor of Peter Lind Hayes has a darling little seven-year-old daughter whom he likes to question about her days in school. One evening she reported proudly, "This morning we started learning mathematics. Did you study mathematics when you went to school, Daddy?" "I certainly did, my dear," he beamed. "How did you like it?" "It was yummy," she told him. "Isn't Page Five GOOD?"

#### OVERHEARD:

At a Waukegan tavern: "I wish I had some money so I could disinherit my son."  
Landlord to Joan Rivers: "I'd like to be nice to you and get your bedroom painted inside of six weeks — but if I'm nice to one tenant I'll have to be nice to all of them!"

deal where the East-West cards are laid out about as badly as possible for declarer.

The trumps are 3-0 instead of 2-1, and moreover the three trumps lie with West rather than with East, where the queen would be finessable.

Furthermore, the A-J of spades are perched over South's K-Q-10, so that there are two potential spade losers where there would ordinarily be only one.

However, despite this, declarer can make the contract against normal defense. West leads the king and another club to the ace.

South ruffs and leads the ace of hearts — only to learn when East shows out, that West has a sure trump trick coming. The contract is now in serious danger, since it is quite possible to lose two spade tricks.

It is at this point that skill takes over. Instead of relying on a favorable location of the missing spade honors to make the hand, South takes steps to insure the contract by compelling West to lead a spade to the K-Q-10.

He cashes the king of hearts, leads the jack of diamonds to the queen, ruffs dummy's last club, cashes the A-K of diamonds, and puts West back on lead with a trump.

West is thus forced to return a spade or a club, either of which hands South the contract.



WILLIAM RITT

### You're Telling Me!

When all 43 participants in a seven-mile cross-country race in Malaysia failed to show up at the finish line it was discovered they had run off in the wrong direction. That was no track event — it was a lost cause!

Teenagers are underfed, declares a noted dietician. It's obvious he — or she — doesn't pay the family grocery bill.

Halley's comet will not return until 1985, astronomical note. Grandpappy Jenkins says he thinks he can afford to wait.

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1970

Twin City  
News

## SJ TOWNSHIP MIGHT APPEAL TAX INCREASE

### Suspended Sentence Is Hurdle

Six Months For BH Eyesore To Stay That Way

The City of Benton Harbor has been stymied in a legal battle against a substandard house at 643 Territorial road.

The city commission authorized prosecution of the owner, Arvie Kiser, last Dec. 1.

A report last night by Commissioner Greg Longpre and City Atty. Samuel Henderson described these events:

Kiser appeared in District court Dec. 9 and got a 30-day extension to comply with an inspection order.

The order wasn't carried out, so Kiser stood trial and was found guilty. Judge Harry Lally fined him \$270 plus \$30 costs, but the judge suspended the sentence six months so the building could be brought up to code, Henderson reported.

Now the commission has learned that Kiser no longer owns the house which he had been purchasing on a land contract. The owner will get a copy of the inspection report in another attempt at compliance.

"WORST LOOKING" Mayor Wilbert Smith called the house the "worst looking on Territorial road" when prosecution was authorized in December. He said at that time the city had been trying for a year to get it fixed up.

In another housing matter, the commission voted to seek bids for demolition of houses at 805 East Vineyard street and 637 Thresher avenue under the code enforcement program.

### DETROIT GUESTS

GANGES—Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Foote and three children of Detroit were recent guests of the city.

### Revenue Changes Are A Standoff

### BH Property Tax Take Up; State Returns Down

Benton Harbor's proposed 1970-71 budget has been revised because of an increase in state equalized valuation and a possible loss in population, City Manager Don Stewart said last night.

State equalized valuation (tax base) is \$2.5 million more than the original budget estimate, meaning the city will collect about \$68,000 more in local taxes.

The gain will be offset by anticipated loss of \$51,000 in returns from the state income, sales and intangibles taxes. These returns to cities are based on population. Stewart's estimating the census will show Benton Harbor with a population of 18,000 — a decline of 1,136 since the 1960 census.

Net gain in the proposed budget is \$17,400. It means little to general city operating because much of the increase will accrue to special purpose funds — pension, library, garbage tax and others.

Last night's commission meeting was a public hearing on the budget, but none of the 10 persons in the audience questioned it.

The revised budget pegs revenue and expenditures at \$3,354,515. It could be changed further by the city commission which is required to adopt the budget the first Monday in May.

### \$1 Parking Ticket Brings \$40,000 Suit

A Cassopolis couple, Mr. and Mrs. Larry R. Turner, filed a \$40,000 damage suit Monday in Berrien circuit court against Niles township for alleged false arrest and malicious prosecution over a \$1 parking ticket.

The Turners, through Niles Atty. Charles LaSata, claim Turner was ticketed for illegal parking in the township last Dec. 21, paid a \$1 fine to the township the next day and wound up being arrested and jailed on Feb. 3.

The suit claims Turner had the charge dismissed in Fifth District court on Feb. 4 after presenting a paid ticket receipt, but only after posting \$25 bond and facing other red tape.

He seeks \$10,000 for humiliation and loss of freedom, \$25,000 in punitive damages, and his wife seeks \$5,000 for loss of consortium.



RALPH LHOTKA

### Flag Pledge May Open BH Meeting

Ralph Lhotka wielded the gavel for the first time last night as Benton Harbor mayor pro tem and came up with a suggestion for a display of patriotism at city commission meetings.

Lhotka would like to have the pledge of the allegiance to the flag become part of the commission's regular procedure. "There seems to be a breakdown in respect for the flag," said the commissioner.

at large who occupied the mayoral chair while Mayor Wilbert Smith was attending the Miss Blossomtime contest.

Lhotka mentioned the flag ceremony after the regular commission meeting when he asked City Atty. Samuel Henderson for an opinion. Henderson replied the commission can set its own procedure.

School groups, scouts and civic organizations could participate in the ceremony, Lhotka said.

The commission has opened its meetings for years with a prayer which Lhotka favors retaining.

### Property Costs Up 14.85%

Water Assessment Districts Will Be Established

St. Joseph township board last night speedily and unanimously backed supervisor Orval L. Benson's threat to appeal to the state tax commission if a 14.85 per cent valuation hike is approved.

Benson, who opened the tax discussion, saying: "I have something real serious to bring before the board" explained valuations on specific existing properties were raised \$502,400 and \$551,200 in new property hiked the township's total a little over \$1 million.

NEW FIGURES "Today I received the new factor and we are being raised 14.85 per cent over and above the factor we had last year." Last year the factor was 2.02 and this year the factor is 2.313458.

The tentative assessed valuation of St. Joseph township is \$18,704,700 which multiplied by the factor produces the state equalized valuation increases throughout the county this year are based on studies by the county tax equalization office and the state tax commission.

Benson said he has five days after the county board of commissioners acts on valuations to appeal to the state tax commission. "I feel very strongly," said Benson, "that we have had a perfect record in assessing. It started back when Harold Morse was supervisor. He brought it up then. Had a lot of bricks thrown at him. Since then we have kept it up to date."

Benson argued that property especially in the Fairplain area, has sold for less than the assessed market value. He cited 63 real estate transactions in which 34 were sold for less than the valuation he had placed on the houses.

Treasurer Elmer (Larry) Layson said he figured what the increase would be dollarwise and it figured out to 19 per cent on a home with an average market value.

The board approved resolutions setting up special water assessment districts. Benson reported on the final three open hearings last Saturday at Fairplain junior high school. Fairplain residents in straw poll voted 67 for and 30 against the water system. Residents in two districts on the west side of the river voted 32 to 18 for the water system.

In accordance with the fact that there was no overwhelming objection, Benson called for resolutions to create six special assessment districts. The resulting roll call vote put all trustees in favor. There was only one change. Trustees voted to change the date interest will start from May 1 to Aug. 1. After that interest will be computed from Dec. 1 to Dec. 1. Bonds are expected to be sold in midsummer.

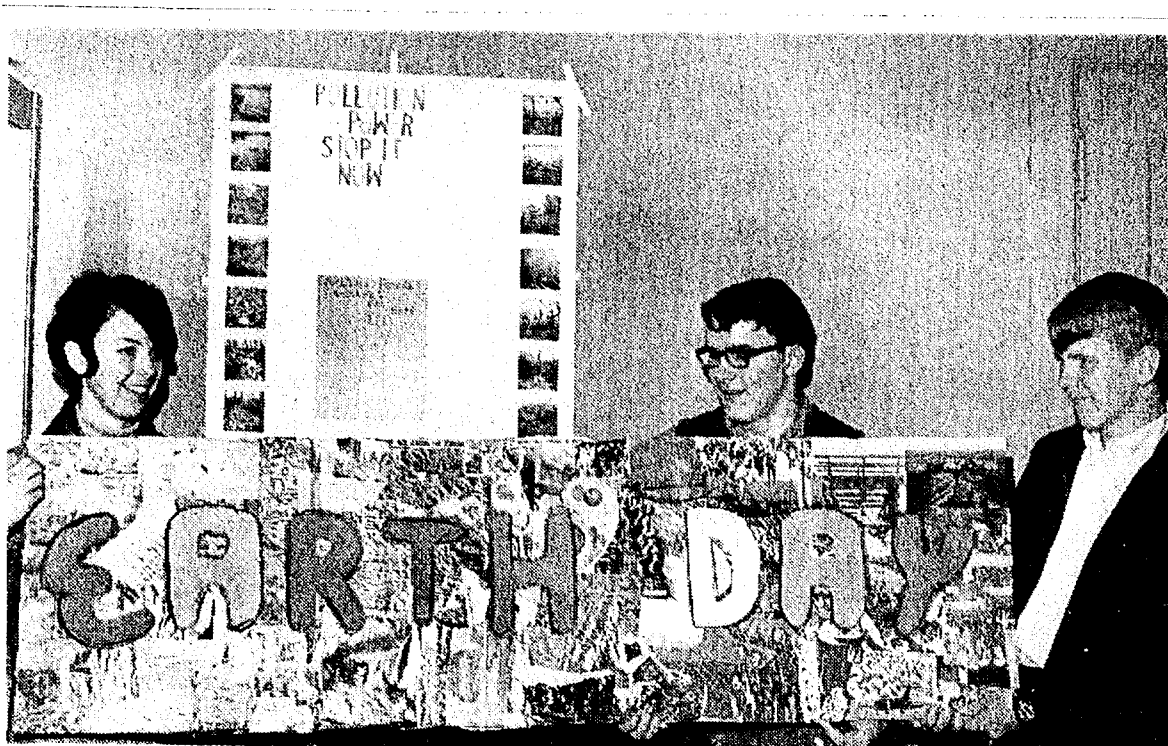
SEWER REPORT The township also moved a step closer to a sanitary sewer system, calling for Engineer Charles Barger to bring in a report on what a preliminary survey would cost. Barger explained various aspects of such a survey and drew from the board a recommendation that the survey be broadened to include an in-depth study so the system would not be built too small in some areas.

Bob Rayercraft, president, and Don Robach, treasurer, of the North Lincoln Baseball league, said the Eaton Park program had expanded from four teams and 60 boys to 25 teams and 375 boys. The league is experiencing growing pains, they said. The league officials questioned the board to see if they felt baseball was getting too big. Benson said the trustees could only refer the baseballers to the park board which has jurisdiction.

### Policeman Will Speak On Narcotics

Berrien County Sheriff's Deputy Gary Methling will discuss effects of drugs at a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Hollywood school near Stevensville.

The meeting is sponsored by the Hollywood, Tryon and Stewart 4-H clubs, said Mrs. Robert Kubsch, spokesman for the groups.



EARTH DAY DISPLAY: One of the many Earth Day displays in the Benton Harbor school system is that of Mrs. Gayle Semper's high school science classes. She is seen with John Eckelbarger (center) and Roger Lockman, two of her students who contributed to the display. Eckelbarger took colored

pictures of pollution scenes in the local area and Lockman made the montage which they are holding out of pictures from magazines. Area schools will be taking part in Earth Day activities, Wednesday. (Staff photo)

## St. Joe To Computerize Computation Of Tax Rolls

St. Joseph city commissioners last night decided to computerize their tax rolls, agreed to the installation of a sewage pumpout station for boats using the city marina and approved the payment of a two-year-old urban renewal bill.

By a \$2,000 contract with Statistical Business Service of 777 Riverview drive in Benton Harbor, city tax rolls will be fed into computers equipped to compute taxes and issue bills. City Manager Leland Hill said computerization would save money by making unnecessary the hiring of additional personnel to handle taxes.

Hill said the new contract will extend through the winter tax rolls next year. Otherwise \$2,500 for a full year, the contract was less this year, Hill said, because assessment rolls already had been compiled, without aid of computers.

Commissioners authorized the Harbor Authority to enter into a contract with the State Waterways Commission for a pumpout station at the existing marina. The station will empty sewage from holding tanks of boats into the sanitary sewer. A recent state law, Hill noted, prohibits the disposal of sewage from boats into the lake.

## Urban Consultant Now Studying Downtown BH

A California-based urban consultant was interviewing governmental and business leaders and property owners in Benton Harbor today as part of a study to help in revitalizing the downtown business district of the city.

Richard T. Forbes has been engaged to make the study by the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Benton Harbor association.

He began two days of interviews here Monday. Purpose of the interviews, he said, is to become better acquainted with the present renewal program and to find out who owns property, in an attempt to determine what needs to be done to make the downtown business district a viable, modern central business district.

In addition to the interviews, Forbes is taking a look at the traffic patterns and problems and at the various physical features of the downtown area.

He is scheduled to submit his completed report, with recommendations, in mid-May.

Forbes, who has worked in the urban field for more than 20 years, has consulted for private and government sectors in many communities throughout the country. Some of the other cities he has assisted in the Midwest include Kankakee, Chicago Heights, Ill.

He has specialized in recent years in the reorganization of old downtowns.



GERALD FRANK

### He Stays Close To The Saints

As Gerald Frank prepared to take over as manager of the G. C. Murphy store in St. Joseph the thought struck him that this is his third location named after a saint.

Frank, 30, a veteran of 13 years with the Murphy chain has worked in Murphy stores in St. Mary's Ohio and St. Paul, Minn. before coming here to take the post held by Russell Youth.

Youth will remain around for a week or so to introduce the new manager to his new job and to the community. Youth retires after 34 years with G. C. Murphy.

Frank graduated from Defiance, Ohio, high school in May, 1957 and joined the Murphy organization that fall. He has served in Murphy stores in Toledo, Ohio, St. Mary's Youngstown, Ohio and St. Paul in that order.

He is married to the former Nancy Jane Ginitier of Youngstown. The couple has four children, Debra, Jeffery, Theresa and Kenneth.

WITSTANDS TEST WASHINGTON (AP) — A key internal component of the trouble-plagued F111 swing-wing aircraft has withstood 10-year life service tests, the Air Force has announced.

## BH Students Must Return Cards For Rubella Clinics

Berrien county health department officials today asked parents of Benton Harbor students in kindergarten through sixth grades to promptly return signed immunization permission slips so the children can be immunized against Rubella, or German measles.

The health department, with cooperation of Benton Harbor school nurses, will start immunizations for K-through-6 children Wednesday at

Morton Hill school and will continue at other Benton Harbor elementary schools until as many as possible of an estimated 6,000 youngsters have been immunized.

Dennis Seely, the department's health education director, said some 3,800 Benton Harbor elementary school children were immunized at a clinic last winter. The current drive is to immunize those not yet reached.

Rubella recently received national attention when Lt. Col. Thomas K. Mattingly missed the abortive Apollo 13 flight to the moon because he was suspected of contracting Rubella.

"Don't postpone your child's shot," Seely said. "Allow him or her to join some 22,000 Berrien county youths that have already been protected against Rubella."

### Earth Day Can Start At Home

Cleanup Drives Are Underway In BH, Benton

Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith and Benton Township Supervisor Ray Wilder said "Earth Day" should start right at home.

The municipal officials endorsed "Environmental Education Day" which will be observed tomorrow in schools across the country. It is intended to stress the problems of a deteriorating environment by focusing on pollution of land, air and water.

The city and township launched cleanup campaigns the first of April that have resulted in collection of tons and tons of junk. The drive has cut into litter accumulated over the winter, but much junk remains.

A. A. Antonovich, Benton Harbor deputy city manager, said two front end loaders and four trucks are pressed into the campaign, plus the regular rubbish pickup crews. City crews spend a week at a time in rubbish pickup districts removing items that are too large for the regular pickup.

Police Capt. Keith Mills reported 63 junk cars have been hauled away since the first of the month and many more are pending.

The city's cleanup is slated for five weeks. The township's was for a week but has been extended. Wilder said heavy items will be removed free of charge tomorrow all over the township.

Persons requiring assistance with junk cars should call the Benton Harbor public works department or township municipal office.

Special programs will be presented tomorrow in Benton Harbor district schools.

### Hot Lunch Boycotted

Students buying lunches at Fairplain junior high school fell from a normal 410 to 253 yesterday in an apparent partial boycott aimed at getting more variety on the menu.

Principal Carl Hutchinson said he had discussed the matter with a sounding committee of students and asked them to provide some ideas in consultation with the school dietitian.

A student who called this newspaper said it was a protest of a school policy which does not permit students to leave the building during the 30-minute lunch periods.

UHF START The first UHF commercial television station in the U.S. was KPTV (channel 27), Portland, Ore., which began service Oct. 1, 1952.

### Policeman Shoots Self Accidentally

A rookie Benton Harbor police officer apparently shot himself in the left leg early today while trying to stop two men from fleeing from a police cruiser.

Donald Finley, 30, who joined the force in March after spending almost three years on the city's fire department, was reported in fairly good condition in Mersey hospital, Benton Harbor.

He was questioning two men about a car which was later determined to have been stolen from Marion, Ind. The men, described as white and about 20,



OFFICER DONALD FINLEY

were still at large this morning. Police Lt. Alfred Hauwetter and Sgt. Leon Hardy said the accident occurred about 2 a.m. on Odessa street at Main street when the men jumped from the cruiser when it stopped, fled on foot. Finley was getting out of the car and drawing his revolver when it discharged.

According to Hauwetter and Hardy, Finley had picked the two men up on Highland near Hall park and was driving them, back to the car, parked near a take-out restaurant on Main near Fair. He had seen two men pushing the car there earlier, they said.

Area police agencies joined, Benton Harbor officers in searching for the two, but no trace of their whereabouts was found. Both were said to be wearing blue-colored jackets. One was wearing a polka-dot hat.



ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1970

## SOUTH HAVEN HOSPITAL RATES NOT RAISED

Dowagiac  
Prices Set  
On LandfillPrivate Firm  
Will Operate  
Refuse Facility

DOWAGIAC — City councilmen last night approved a price schedule for private and commercial use of the new Dowagiac landfill effective May 1 when C.E. Hess & Sons takes over management of the refuse disposal facility.

William C. Hess of the Hess firm presented the price schedule to councilmen. The firm will operate the landfill site on the city dump property on Nubair street.

The schedule is:  
Passenger vehicle load, 50 cents; pickup trucks, \$1 or \$2; trailers, 75 cents to \$2; dump, stake, van and semitrailer trucks, 45 cents per cubic yard; load packer trucks, 60 cents per cubic yard (packer trucks will be charged full load fee for partial loads).

Double yardage rates will be charged for these bulky materials: stoves, refrigerators, sofas, couches, hot water tanks, washing machines, dryers, oil tanks and drums, tires, rubber, baled or barreled material and all other large bulky material which can not be compacted.

Hess said rates for disposal of junk cars will be determined later.

## FUNDS APPROVED

In other action, the council allotted \$851.25 to the Dowagiac Building authority to bring the authority's bank balance up to \$1,000. Richard A. Smith, authority secretary, made the request. The authority was organized last year to build a new public library with state aid. The project has been tied up with citizens petitions and legal action. The library proposal will go on the ballot for a decision by voters in the Aug. 4 primary election.

Council approved purchase of a new street sweeper from Bell Equipment Co., Troy, Mich. The price is \$9,723 with trade-in of a sweeper damaged in a fire which destroyed the street and bridge department garage early this year.

## BID ON FUEL

On recommendation of John Cady, power plant superintendent, the council accepted the low bid of 10.65 cents per gallon to buy 250,000 gallons of fuel oil from Standard Oil Co. Total cost is \$26,465. The oil with fuel diesel engines which generate electricity at the city's power plant.

A \$100 contribution to the Chamber of Commerce to help pay for a Dowagiac float in the Blossomtime Grand Floral parade May 9, Douglas Wilse, chamber president, said the float will cost about \$300.

The council also granted:

A trash hauler's license to Robert Johnson;

Permission to Cass County Post 1855, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to hold a Memorial Day parade and services at the World War I memorial at Main and Front streets.

Permission for the American Cancer Society's Cass county chapter to hold a tag day May 2. The request was from Dean Bussler, chapter chairman.

## New Buffalo Voters Renew School Tax

NEW BUFFALO—Voters of the New Buffalo school district yesterday approved renewal of seven mills extra operating money for the next three years.

The decisive majority was 322 to 143. Nine ballots were spoiled. The turnout of 474 voters represents about one-third of the district's 1,400 registered voters.

After the votes were counted, Myron H. Reyher, schools superintendent, issued this statement:

"The administration is very happy with the results of such a decisive vote. The school board wishes to thank the people for the vote and also thank the Parent-Teachers association for their support in getting out the vote."

The seven-mill levy will raise about \$50,000 annually in

each of three years for which it was approved. It replaces an expired levy of identical size and duration adopted in 1966.

The school district tax rate is 21.198 mills. This includes 19.898 mills for operating and 1.3 mills for debt retirement.

The school board currently has an architectural firm studying possible classroom construction.

The operating levy includes 8.898 allocated mills, the 7 mills approved Monday and 4 mills approved in 1968 and expiring next year.

The board of education during a meeting last night voted to hire Louis Kingscott, Kalamazoo architectural firm, to prepare plans for an addition to the West elementary school and also plans for another new elementary school that would

be built on the same site as the West school.

Board action was a step to alleviate overcrowded classrooms, termed critical by Reyher. Construction would hinge on another election on a bonding proposition sometime in the future.

The board awarded contracts to Ronald Bond, New Buffalo, to build a storage room adjacent to the gymnasium for \$7,421 and to Standard Steel Industries, Three Rivers, to install additional bleachers at the football field for \$5,306.

Teaching contracts were approved for Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jordan of Worth, Ill., who will teach sixth grade and high school English, respectively.

Record  
Budget Is  
ApprovedBlue Cross  
Defends Itself  
Against Critics

By TOM RENNER

SOUTH HAVEN — A record \$1,549,800 budget for the 1971 fiscal year was approved by the board of the South Haven Community Hospital authority Monday night.

The proposed budget represents an 8 per cent increase from anticipated expenses for the current year.

Administrator Robert Traxler said the new budget was drawn with no plans for an increase in rates.

Both revenue and expenses for the current year have surpassed the projected budget, but an analysis with nearly two months remaining indicates the hospital will end with a surplus.

Projected income for 1970 is expected to be \$1,679,360 as against expenses of \$1,423,010. The budgeted figures listed a year ago were \$1,440,084 and \$1,359,600 respectively.

The size of the surplus is subject to audits by Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross which reserve the right to recall some of the funds it allocated the hospital if revenues surpassed expense, Traxler said.

Projected income for 1971 is \$1,670,080 as against expenses of \$1,549,800.

In other business, the board heard defense of criticism launched against Blue Cross which is the fiscal intermediary between the hospital and Medicare.

Ernest Lamberts, provider service representative for Blue Cross, defended the alleged delays the hospital has experienced in receiving reimbursement for care to Medicare patients.

## HOSPITAL BLAMED

Lamberts returned the blame to hospital personnel claiming that several bills were submitted incorrectly and had to be returned for correction.

"The reason for the breakdown at the hospital, in my opinion, is the major changes in personnel that have occurred in recent months," Lamberts said. "With proper attention this can, and I feel will, be corrected since the problems were so vividly highlighted."

"It should be understood that no matter who processes the bills, a hospital will have cash flow problems if billings are not diligently and correctly prepared and submitted as a timely matter," he said.

Berrien  
Twp. Board  
Raises Pay

BERRIEN CENTER — The Berrien township board last night voted to increase the salaries of members of the township's board of review from \$15 per day to \$25 per day.

In other business, the board referred to the planning commission a request from Mr. and Mrs. James R. Nash to use a trailer home on the farm where they reside. The couple's home on Daniel Boone Trail was destroyed by fire last week. They asked for permission to use the trailer home until they learn if their home will be replaced by the owner.

Prior to the board meeting, members of the planning commission elected Roy Peachey as chairman, Carl Harris as vice chairman and James Stover as secretary.

The township board last night distributed delinquent tax monies to the following school districts: \$2,247 to the Berrien Springs district; \$1,415 to Eau Claire; and \$1,119 to Niles.

It was announced the board will meet with the Berrien County Road commission on May 8 to plan road improvements in the township for the coming year.

Board members voted to contact at least two firms regarding prices and to ask the firms to display office equipment for the township hall.

The board adopted a proclamation declaring the observance of National Law Day in the township on May 1. Bills totaling \$2,702 were approved for payment.

## STUDENTS SUE

Barbers Back  
Harvey's Hair  
Pollution War

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Eight University of Michigan protesters may be unhappy with the haircuts given in the Washtenaw County Jail, but the locals barbers union seems to be pleased.

The protesters are suing the sheriff for \$200,000, charging that their constitutional rights were violated when they were virtually shaved while being held briefly in the jail recently.

But the Washtenaw County Barbers Union, Local 689, presented the Hamoyant sheriff Monday with a plaque designating him an "honorary barber."

Harvey promised to put the plaque up in his office.

Bill Boatwright, an Ypsilanti barber, presented the plaque to Harvey and said the 94 barbers in the county "support Sheriff Harvey and his prevention of disease in the county jail."

Boatwright said that long hair "stinks and causes disease."

## BRIDGMAN

Services  
Slated Friday  
For Soldier

BRIDGMAN — Funeral services for Spec. 4 James W. Lindemann, 21, 593 Willard avenue, Bridgman, who was killed April 15 by a booby trap explosion in Vietnam, are scheduled to be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Immanuel Lutheran church, Bridgman. The Rev. David Wacker will officiate.

Burial will follow in Grace-land cemetery.

Spec. 4 Lindemann was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is survived by his widow, the former Charlene M. McClure, whom he married Jan. 4, 1969, in Benton Harbor; a daughter, Christie; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lindemann; and a sister, Mrs. Jerome (Jacquelyn) Dirst, all of Bridgman.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the building fund of the church.

Friends may call at the Boyd funeral home, Bridgman, after 7 p.m. Wednesday.

## STAYING IN DETROIT

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administrator of the General Services Administration said Monday that the Internal Revenue Service still plans to eventually find a permanent home for its data processing center in Detroit.



NEW CITY HALL?: The owner of a South Haven supermarket has offered to convert the building into a new city hall. A&P, which presently occupies the 10,580 square foot building, will be moving into new quarters next fall and owner Alfred Dubuisson has offered to negotiate remodeling the store into city offices. The city is currently studying several proposals for replacing its 62-year old city hall. Until now the studies have centered around the construction of a new building. Dubuisson

is presently renovating the former Aldo Hotel into quarters for the supermarket. "The cost, I believe, would be far less than the building of a new building for the city," he said in a letter to City Manager Albert Pierce. A&P store at 530 Huron street is two blocks south of present city hall on Phoenix street. Building at left rear in photo houses General Telephone Co. offices and control equipment. (Tom Renner photo)

Bloom'dale  
Teen Going  
To Academy

BLOOMINGDALE — Robert John Reese has become the first young man from the Bloomingdale area to receive an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y.

A Bloomingdale high school senior, Reese received notification of his appointment from Maj. Gen. Kenneth G. Wickham, adjutant general of the United States Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.

Reese is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Reese, route 1, Bloomingdale. He is 18 years old.

He was named a first alternate last December when Congressman Edward Hutchinson of Michigan's Fourth District, announced his appointments to the academy. After Hutchinson's appointment was accepted by West Point, Reese entered further competition with the 5,000 other alternates in the United States.

## PASSES TESTS

Working with Col. Fredrick Thiele of Colon, Mich., a counselor for the academy, he was required to take an Army physical examination, physical aptitude test and the College Board entrance examination. The results combined with Reese's record at Bloomingdale high school won him the appointment from the academy.

Reese is a member of the National Honor Society, has been an honor student and has been serving as president of the school's student commission for the past two years. He has also participated in baseball, football, basketball and track.



ROBERT J. REESE

Hartford Holdup Man  
Makes Off With \$40

HARTFORD—Police here today were continuing their search for a holdup man who took about \$40 from the Hartford House hotel late Monday afternoon.

Police Chief Jim Smith said no shots were fired but that the bandit escaped after brandishing a long barreled pistol at the hotel owner, Mrs. Marguerite Carmody and two other persons. The reported holdup occurred at 5:10 p.m., Smith said.

Smith quoted hotel employees as saying that the holdup man had been in the hotel's lobby about 20 minutes prior to the holdup.

They said he produced a gun as Mrs. Carmody entered and walked behind the desk. The holdup man, who was white, demanded money, forced Mrs. Carmody and two other persons up a flight of hotel stairs and then fled, Smith said.

Smith also joined Michigan State police from the Paw Paw post in the investigation Monday of three breaks and vandalism to at least two other firms in and near Hartford.

Two young men, William Beck, 22, and Jerry W. Fisher, 18, both of Hartford, were arraigned in Seventh district court in Paw Paw late Monday afternoon in connection with reported breaks.

Beck and Fisher were charged with breaking and entering. A 16-year old boy implicated in the breaks was turned over to county juvenile authorities, according to state police.

An estimated \$150 to \$200 was taken from the Panci Room, a restaurant, the Sunoco service station, and the Tastee Freeze ice cream shop.

Large windows in the A & W Root Beer and Smith Tractor Sales were also broken, state police said.

State police said about \$150 was recovered.

Riverside Scouts  
Plan Ham Supper

Boy Scout Troop 68, sponsored by the Riverside Methodist church, will serve its 12th annual ham supper Thursday, April 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Riverside township hall.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used in part for the boys' expenses at summer camp, equipment and canoe trips.

Tickets are available from troop members or may be purchased at the door. Price is 1.75 for adults, \$1.00 for children through the eighth grade.

Disc Jockey  
Will Judge  
Big Parade

Art Roberts, music director of WLS Radio, Chicago, will be one of the judges for the 1970 Grand Floral Parade. It was announced today by Jim Flaherty, parade judges chairman. The colorful parade marks the end of Blossom Week, celebrated May 3 to 9 in Southwestern Michigan.

Roberts recently was selected as one of the nation's top three disc jockeys by Scene Magazine. He decided on a radio career while student at Southeastern Louisiana college. After a few sessions in front of a microphone at the campus station, he switched his major from veterinary medicine to speech.

Art devotes much of his spare time and talents to charities such as Cerebral Palsy, La Rabida sanitarium, the Amvets, B'nai B'rith, and others. He was awarded the Treasury De-



ART ROBERTS

partment's "Minute Man" award, for his work in promoting the sale of U.S. Savings Bonds. The Chicago police department also honored Art for his work with the Fraternal Order of Police during their Thanksgiving drive for the needy of Chicago.

Art, his wife and five youngsters, live in one of Chicago's northern suburbs.



HONORED FOR LONGTIME SERVICE: The South Haven Education association Monday night honored five retirees and another teacher for longtime service at its annual spring banquet. Mary Wiecek (second from right), president of the education association, is pictured with retirees (left to right) Ray Zerbe, a custodian for 39 years; Oscar Swanson, junior high

mathematics and science for 42 years; Mrs. Harold Heuer, elementary for 24 years; Mrs. Edward Nowacki, senior high English for 23 years; and Mrs. Frank Harrison, elementary for 33 years. Honored for 25 years of service was Mrs. Edgar Growden (far right.) (Tom Renner photo)